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## THE COBRA IN AN EXECUTIVE'S LIFE

*It appears even on those days that  
are very ordinary*

February 28, 1963

This is the story of an ordinary day in the life of a member of the FUA Executive—yesterday, February 27. We don't begin at the moment when he leaves home, early, but after he has reached the FUA building, shown up in the president's office at 9 a.m. We will follow it through till 11:15 p.m., when the lights are turned off and the key clicks in the door lock. Another day is less than one hour away at that moment and we don't know whether it will be again an ordinary one. The only sure thing is that the president must be in Banff at 9 a.m. That leaves him less than 10 hours from which five must be used to travel from Edmonton to Banff. But we don't have to bother about that, because only a fraction of these better than nine hours are not included in the ordinary day we are talking about now. They are part of another—ordinary?—day.

It all started, as we said, at 9 a.m., February 27. The agenda of the Executive meeting mentioned no more than ten different subjects, but that was only a matter of how you looked at it, because the secretary had arranged it quite nicely, bringing different items under one heading. As is her habit, she gives it always the harmless look of a cobra without worries and neuroses. When you touch it, however, you had better be prepared to start jumping. We will forget about the minor jumps and record only a few of the bigger one.

### Financial Statement

Yes, receipts are above last year's over the same period. Reasons: more members paid their dues at an earlier date, cook books are selling very well, Co-op Press paid out dividends for two years. Disbursements are up, also. Reasons: Somewhat higher payroll, increased property taxes, much

larger amount of canvasser's commission paid out.

### Membership

About 1,250 units above last year at the same date. Satisfied with this gain. No, because there are locals below last year's figures. It doesn't help the FUA to make gains in one area and lose in another. There may be very valid reasons why this year's membership of a local is lower, but every possible effort has to be made to keep last year's members. Decision: Try to get the locals which seem to fall behind to bring their membership up in any case to last year's figure.

### FUA Building

Some changes may have to be made as the Board room is now occupied by FU & CDA. Their original offices are rented to a

private firm. Without running into too high expenses another board room can be made in the back of the building.

Decision. This matter will be studied.

### Reports

Reports are presented and discussed about the NFU presentation to the federal cabinet and the meetings with members of parliament. Has this presentation—made very shortly before the 25th Parliament was dissolved—and have these meetings been useful? The answer is: yes. There may be another government after April 8, but many MP's will be re-elected, and they know what the farmers think about agricultural policy. These efforts can't be entered under the heading, "Lost Time."

There is also a report about the Dairy Conference in Ottawa, which

tried to make a start in finding a workable solution for the dairy problem, mainly showing in the butter surplus. At this conference a proposal was made to set up an advisory committee to the federal and provincial governments as well as to the various bodies involved in the production and distribution

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### C.F.A. Backs Pass Rates

In its annual submission to the federal cabinet, the CFA most strongly emphasized the importance it attaches to the Crow's Nest Pass rates. The organization would oppose most strenuously any alteration in the level, statutory status, or national policy with respect to the Crows' Nest Pass rates.

## HONOR LIST

In this issue we honor two districts which have exceeded last year's membership. They are District 12 and District 5. District 12 passed the mark already in January, District 5 followed in February. Our congratulations to everyone who has helped to get this result. In publishing the pictures of the two directors involved we extend the honor to every member in these two districts. Both directors have promised that they will not rest on their laurels. They will try to get more members.



C. J. Versluys, Champion,  
Director District 12

(There is no shortage of razor blades in the South, but beard growing contests are popular.)



Plain, Director District 5  
Plain Director District 5

P.S.—We shall keep space available for other pictures in the coming issues. Who's next?

### Indemnity For Hunting Damage Requested

Farmers' losses through damage done by hunters and wild life can be considerable. The matter has been discussed at our Conventions and at Board meetings, and different resolutions have been passed. The AFA brought the same matter again to the attention of the provincial cabinet, asking that farmers be paid compensation for crop losses whether standing, stooked, swathed or stacked without having to insure for such losses. The government was also urged to establish a livestock indemnity fund for livestock killed through hunting accidents. Claims should be paid out of the \$1.00 surcharge now being made on all big game and bird game licenses.

### HOG PREMIUM RESTORED

The quality premium paid by the federal government on grade A hogs will be restored to \$3.00 on April 1.

This premium was reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.00 in September of last year as part of the government's austerity program. It is estimated that this reduction has cost the hog producers \$1,345,600. Members will remember that the FUA considered that amount of \$3.00 not enough of an incentive to get better quality hogs to the market. The Union considers that this amount should be \$5.00.

### Election April 8th

We remind our members that the federal election will be held on April 8. Many districts have already arranged election forums. We urge our members to attend these meetings and to vote on April 8.

**Let every local check to see WHETHER ALL 1962 MEMBERSHIPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED. Please, visit those who are in arrears. Don't let your local show up with a lower membership. Your honor is involved.**

**Discuss this at your local meeting and, if necessary, take steps to rectify the situation. Later in the year we shall publish a list of the locals which have exceeded last year's membership. All members will want to find their local's name on that list.**

**Let's get cracking right now. Local secretaries are invited to make preparations so that every member at the monthly meeting knows what the local situation is.**

GENERAL SCIENCES



# LET'S ALL PLAY BALL

That not all locals had reached last year's total membership by February 27 is a matter of great concern to us all. In some cases, perhaps, the membership is in the mail. In others, secretaries, foremen canvassers, MD's, or Counties may not have sent them in yet. In any case they haven't reached Central Office, and that's the place where they count. There may also be cases where two locals have combined and we haven't been notified, or, some members may have transferred their memberships to another local. Everyone, however, who was a 1962 FUA member should be approached to renew his membership, if he hasn't done so. The work of a local—and that of Central Office—is much easier when there is a steady membership. The only way to achieve this is to have ALL 1962 members on your new list. From this point on it is easy to work for an increase.

We sincerely trust that every member, local officer, sub-district director and director in the areas concerned will do his utmost to get everyone's 1962 membership renewed fast. Steady membership is the best thing that can happen to the FUA.

There is work involved, we know, but you are doing that work for yourself. Your organization is Your representative.

Let's ALL play ball. Not one member wants to see his local at the bottom of the list at the end of the year. You want to win the game and you can do it.

At the moment some locals are only on second or third

base. The purpose of the game is to reach home plate and score a run.

Gentlemen, another batter is up, let's play ball, and let's do it before the game is called on account of spring work.

We would like to see the following locals check their membership lists—contact those that hadn't renewed their memberships yet as of February 27, and mail the results to Central Office before March 31:

Local No. Name	Local No. Name	Local No. Name
137—Spirit River	569—Edson	925—Sylvan Heights
150—Saddle Mountain	614—Eldorena	943—Oras
215—Golden Meadow	618—Gibbons	949—Lindale
222—Kerndale	622—Highlow	1103—Cando
223—Whitelaw	627—Inland	1107—Chinook
308—Boyle	640—New Boroschiw	1113—Talbot
313—Craigend	653—Redwater	1131—New Brigden
326—Paxson	706—Blackfoot	1142—Hemaruka
341—Meadow View	713—Chatsworth	1208—Granum
347—Plamondon	725—Provost	1212—McLeod
351—Fawcett	737—Melbrae	1302—Bindloss
355—Summerdale	742—Park Valley	1308—Rolling Hills
403—Ardmore	745—Prosperity	1310—Tilley
412—Brighton	752—Brownvale-	1312—Makepeace
422—Edward	Silver Heights	1314—Orion
430—Hamlin	788—Streamstown	1315—Hilda
438—Lessard	807—Daresbury	1401—1 - 17
444—Owlseye	808—Donalda	1407—Foremost
497—Mallaig	835—Heisler	1436—Turin
507—Cherhill	839—Painter Creek	1441—New Dayton
530—Rich Valley	863—Willowdale	1442—Crystal Lake
535—Stanger	866—Bruce	1443—Coaldale
553—Heatherdown	917—Eastside	

## Active Pilot Field Project Requested

The matter of weather modification is a matter of considerable concern to farmers. The AFA stated in its presentation to the provincial cabinet that municipal districts involved in the hail suppression work should be granted some financial assistance, or that an active pilot field project be set up by the government in co-operation with the Research Council so that the experimental work can be carried on over an effective area with continuity.

## Right of Entry Board

As the FUA had done when Board and Executive met with the provincial cabinet in January, the AFA brought to the attention the seemingly growing unrest and criticism of the Right of Entry Arbitration Board. The AFA presentation to the provincial cabinet considered the time possibly opportune for the government or a committee to review the operation of the Right of Entry Arbitration Board with the view of determining its effectiveness and fairness in handing down decisions. Another point of concern in this field is the protection of farm and ranch water supplies from depletion by pressurization of wells by oil companies, and the question of air pollution.

improvement. All imported beef should receive a grade stamp which will indicate the origin and quality of imported beef. The lamb and wool support price should be applied on a quarterly basis, and the deficiency payment calculated on that basis.

The sugar beet industry needs, according to the submission, a clear policy of adequate support on the part of the federal government, and assurance of permanence for this policy.

## Some Pressing Problems To The Fore

In its submission to the Federal Cabinet the Canadian Federation of Agriculture brought some of the most pressing agricultural problems to the attention of the minister. One of these is the field of dairy policy, in which problems and opportunities facing Canadian dairy producers fall into two categories: those demanding immediate remedial action and those for which solutions will be found only through careful and continuous long range planning.

Dairy Farmers of Canada strongly urge the formation of a national authority to deal with matters affecting the welfare of Canadian dairy producers. In the event a national authority is established consideration should be given to a quota system related to price supports for both excess fluid and manufacturing milk. Some of the other major features of recommended dairy policy as adopted by the Annual CFA Meeting would be maintenance under the support policy of not less than present levels of returns to producers; continuation of the consumer subsidy on butter; maintenance of the butter support to cream shippers in part through a deficiency payment; for whole manufacturing milk shippers a shift of supports from butter to powder, bringing the market support for butter down to 60c and establishing a market support on powder of 12c. This, with the consumer's subsidy, would mean a further reduction in the price of butter to the consumer of 4c per pound.

ernment continues to consider such a system unacceptable, the CFA asked that acreage payments be made on an annual basis instead.

Initial payments on wheat should be related to the floor price established in the International Wheat Agreement. Oat and barley initial payments should be as high as is consistent with maintaining a reasonable margin of security for the government of Canada and the Wheat Board. The practice of making well-publicized government announcements of interim and final payments should be discontinued, as they cause considerable public misunderstanding.

The CFA submission affirmed its support for policies respecting feed freight assistance, and grain storage and movement. Opportunities may exist for assistance by the federal government in construction of public commercial storage, although it does not view a scarcity of physical capacity as a major aspect of the feed grain marketing problem.

### The Two-Way Street

The CFA submission strongly reiterated its stand that Canada should take the lead in the reduction of trade barriers between nations. Trade is a two-way street. A case in point is the need to follow a policy of affording reasonable access to the Canadian market to goods of Chinese manufacture.

The CFA looks to the further development of the international agreements for the marketing of agricultural commodities, on the general pattern of the International Wheat Agreement, but modified to meet the particular commodity problem. In connection with this, the importance and significance of the World Food Program was re-emphasized.

### Wheat Payments

The principle of a two-price system for wheat—that is, establishing an adequate price for wheat for domestic human consumption—was again brought forward in the submission. In case the gov-

### Responsibility

The fundamental questions of rail line abandonment policy have to be decided yet. The CFA sees as a first requirement a clear statement from the federal government of its acceptance of responsibility in this connection and of its intended policy. This means in the view of the CFA that the federal government must accept major responsibility in the whole question of rationalization of rail line facilities.

With regard to ARDA, the submission stated that ARDA will have to be administered with objectivity and prudence in order to reduce to a minimum the economic and human problems which must accompany necessary adjustments in agriculture. The federal government was asked to strive, in co-operation with the provinces, to define and develop the general framework of policy that will mold the ARDA program in the years ahead. It was also asked that sufficient funds be assured to prevent any delay in moving forward on

programs which are already planned, or begun, in this field.

### Vocational Training

In the educational sector, the CFA recommended that a separate schedule for agricultural vocational training assistance be set up under the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act.

Regarding crop insurance the submission contained a plea for either a greater federal contri-

bution of costs or a system of re-insurance which will shift some of the burden of excessive claims in any period to the federal area. The PFAA program should be continued, and increased benefits provided under it. Grain, now marketed outside licensed elevators as to feed mills and seed cleaning plants, should be assessed the 1% PFAA levy.

### Hog Premium

Immediate re-instatement of the \$3.00 premium on Grade A hogs was requested and the acceleration of research for hog breed

## IT'S TIME TO BEHAVE LIKE KINGS

Dear Girls;

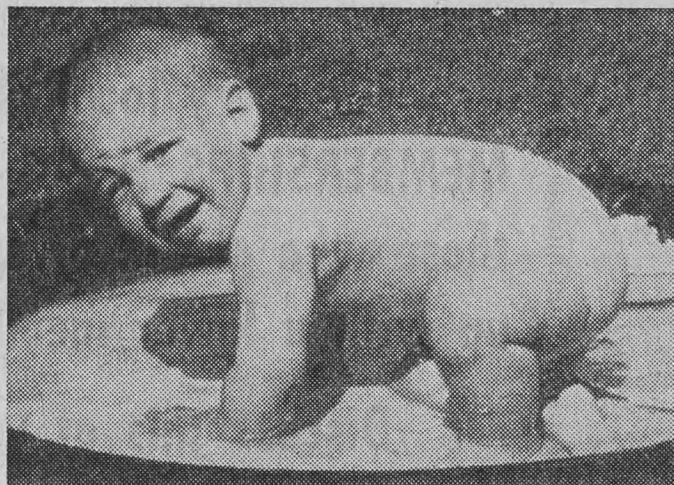
I would like to give you a tip. Don't talk too much about it, because it is sort of secret. In order to be sure that enough names for the Jr. Queen Contest reach Central Office, mention the possibility of starting, next year, a King Contest. You may have a hard time finding candidates for it, because I haven't seen too many handsome FUA'ers, but the rules can always be made to fit an occasion. What about allowing the entry of baby pictures of the candidates. That could give you a somewhat better choice. Under the age of three, the specimen called "man" can sometimes look quite cute. Don't use the idea to start an argument. Say as casually as possible during a conversation something like: Wouldn't it be fun to have a picture of you in the Organized Farmer while you were still wearing diapers? The conversation will right way get more lively.

The Editor doesn't like me, apparently, too well, but if you all stand behind me, I doubt whether he dares to refuse space to start a King Contest. I believe also, that you will get the full support of the F W U A, especially for a Contest with that baby angle. They love babies and baby pictures.

Sincerely yours,  
X X X X  
(Signature not readable—Ed.)

Editor's Note To The Men;

The fire gets a little bit too hot for me. Everyone has told me that I wasn't even a cute baby, though I can hardly believe that, but so many have said it that there is once in a while some doubt even in my own mind about my baby cuteness. In any case I don't like the idea of a King Contest at all. We are KINGS on our farms, aren't we? If you know anything at all as to how pictures of Kings are gone over and over again before they are released for publication, you know that a King Contest is an impossible proposition. We can't take the chance that the only available picture of the winner would be a baby with his thumb in his mouth and at the same time



ONE OF THE FUA BOARD MEMBERS? WAS HE EVER CUTE!

how they powdered royal posteriors some fifty years ago. Some people could even get the wrong idea that we started advertising a certain make of baby powder. It isn't even a sneaky suspicion anymore for me that the girls would go for that kind of picture. Therefore, let's behave like the Kings we are. Elect your Queen candidate, mail the name to Central Office with your royal seal attached to it, and we are under way. DO IT NOW. March 18 is closing date. Behave like the KINGS your are, if I am allowed to say so.



## JOINT COMMITTEES MEET HON. WILLMORE

Back in 1958 the FUA Game Committee were promoting a wild life damage insurance plan, and to bring greater strength to the proposal the Chairman of the Committee extended an invitation to the AFA, to the Fish & Game Association and to the Western Stock Growers, to have representation from their Associations sit in with the FUA Game Committee for general discussion and the presentation of their joint conclusions to the Minister. This co-operation of groups on wild life worked out so well that the joint meeting has been continued yearly with the exception of 1960. The meeting for 1963 took place in the FUA office, Edmonton on February 20. Representation of one delegate from each of the four organizations consisted of: J. A. Cameron, Director for FUA; Ben Roseneau, President, Fish & Game; Jim McFall, Secretary, AFA and Clarence Copithorne, Vice-president, Western Stock Growers.

After general discussion, the joint committee met with the Hon. Willmore and his Game Commissioner, Mr. Curt Schmidt.

### FARMERS DON'T CO-OPERATE

In receiving the crop damage by wild life insurance plan, the Minister drew attention to \$280,000 build up of the fund from \$1.00 surcharge for insurance, on all game licences and sighted the lack of patronage by farmers

in taking out insurance under the Act.

The Committee felt that the premium rate charged to farmers had been too high to encourage use of the scheme, and got assurance from the Minister that a further reduction in the premium rate, bringing it down to 2% from its original 5% and 3% would be made.

It was, however, pointed out by the Minister that if there is not greater support from the farmers for the insurance scheme in 1963, the plan will be discontinued.

Here is a case where many FUA locals had, by resolution to FUA conventions repeatedly asked for an insurance plan against crop damage by wild life. The Game Committee on their behalf drafted an insurance plan in detail, which in general principle was accepted and put into effect by the Government. Through this plan a direct cash contribution for insurance is made to farmers, by hunters and sportsmen, upward of \$140,000 per year, through a surcharge on game licenses for this purpose.

### TWO PER CENT

The premium to farmers will now be set at 2% on the insurance purchased or 20c per acre for \$10.00 insurance. Isn't it a pretty good bargain to have hunters and sportsmen pay in all this cash to give us insurance at so

little cost? Surely the farmers are not going to let the scheme lapse for want of using it. This would seem to be a matter for very special attention by officers and locals of the FUA over the province.

### GAME FARMS

The recent Convention of the FUA favored establishing game farmers where hunters could go for a quick hunt and a reasonably sure bag at a fair cost. It is felt that this would tend to ease hunting pressure on farm lands particularly near large centres.

The Fish & Game Association however do not as yet favor this scheme and their delegate took

a negative stand, both in conference and before the Minister though all the other three definitely favored the proposal. His association fears any act that would put a price on game. They favor instead a training policy by which hunters would be schooled in a code of ethics calculated to promote safety measures and fair play to farmers on whose lands they hunt. Details however of how such training would be conducted and paid for are lacking, nor does their scheme reduce hunting pressure or make a successful take, as does the game farm. Little progress can be expected toward game farms until Fish & Game Association reach a more co-operative position.

### DAMAGE TO LIVESTOCK

The Committee favored and proposed to the Minister, extending the insurance cover to include livestock damaged or killed by hunters with certain provisions for reasonable proof that damage was to healthy animals and caused by hunters.

The Committee also proposed private development of fish ponds where these do not interfere with water conservation measures by the Government. At present these are not permitted on the small streams.

It was also urged that the insurance scheme cover wild life damage to stacked fed or hay.

—J. A. Cameron

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of dairy products. Its aims will be to tailor production and distribution to consumption needs.

Consensus: This will be an unreachable goal if the committee has to operate without authority. Here again is an example that the farmer needs control in the market place.

A labor-management seminar has been held in Saskatoon. It lasted two days, and the most important development may be a glimmering of realization that while society consists of segments, each of these, if taking action, has to consider also the interests of the rest of society.

Consensus: can be a real important development.

### Ottawa Tour

This subject had to be on the agenda. The Executive considers it one of the best public relations jobs our organization has ever done. The group behaved excellently and everywhere made a

great impression. The impression at home will be even greater. The 28 winners will carry the word back to their home districts, and have done so already.

### District 15

At the January Board meeting a decision was made to arrange district and sub-district boundaries co-terminous with those of Counties, MD's LID's. This will make organizational work easier. The result will be a more responsible position for the sub-district directors. Another will be the necessity of forming sub-district boards and get them working. When this plan was discussed at the Board meeting it seemed to be a good solution to form a new district, District 15, consisting of the Counties of Wheatland and Newell. Members in the area, however, think it would be better if one County would go into District 10, the other into District 14. As no hard and fast decision was made about it, the matter will be discussed at the conventions of the districts concerned.

### Meeting With MLA's

It seems that we are taking part in a hop, step and jump competition telling about this ordinary day. It's the usual way things are arranged for the Executive meetings. All kinds of combinations are made to save time and money. That's the cobra sticking its head up.

At the meeting with the MLA's the following matters were discussed: Change in marketing legislation, proposed medicare plan, surface rights, public or private power, etc. Four cabinet members were present and more than twenty MLA's. It was a valuable meeting.

The MLA's complained at not having been approached by farmers about desired changes in the marketing legislation. Up till now no marketing board can be established unless 51% of all those eligible vote in favor of it. The FUA has been fighting to get this requirement of 51% changed to 66.2/3 % of those voting, and has asked members to approach their MLA's about it. It is an ice cold shower—apparently they didn't. The drops fall on the shoulders of our Executive member, and he shudders. "Didn't I do a good job, or did the members leave me out in the cold?"

11:15 p.m.—the Cobra has disappeared somewhere, and we can say: "Yes, it was a very ordinary day." Nk.

# How Equitable Can Equitable Be?

## THE E.I.T.F.'s ANSWER:— Fight Co-ops Rightly or Wrongly

The Alberta Wheat Pool Budget, in its February 15 issue, gives some information about this new organization known as the Equitable Income Tax Foundation. This is the organization which was created for the specific purpose of getting an extra tax imposed of co-operatives. There seems to be plenty of money for this job, including the sending of their President on a speaking tour all across Canada.

Canadian co-operators are understandably curious as to who is providing the many thousands of dollars that a nation-wide campaign of this sort needs, in order to keep rolling. There is no use asking the EITF. They are under no obligation to tell the public who their members are, or who provides them with their funds. They are likewise under no obligation to give a public accounting as to how they spend their money. The Wheat Pool Budget says, "... it is a well-known fact that the private grain trade is in the forefront of this anti-co-op movement. Indeed they may well be the instigators of it, for in recent weeks two top officials from the private grain trade have been scouring the country endeavoring to drum up interest in the EITF and to scrape up funds with which to carry on the campaign."

### TWO QUESTIONS

This is very interesting. It brings up two questions. First of all, we wonder whether a farmer who delivers grain to one of the line elevator companies will be happy to know that some of the profit these companies make out of his grain, are being used in this way. He may not be a co-operator, and that is his privilege, but we doubt very much that he is prepared to provide the money to attack his

neighbors who are co-operators. This is hardly the way to support the idea of freedom of choice which the anti-co-op people are so fond of talking about.

The second question is this. Since these people are supposed to be interested in seeing that everyone in Canada gets a square deal, tax-wise, how about them telling the full story of their financial support?

I am not hitting below the belt when I ask a question of this sort. Co-ops will make no secret of where they get the money to defend themselves against this kind of attack. Their members at the next annual meeting will get the full story.

### FREEDOM

The EITF do a lot of talking about democracy and freedom. Do the shareholders in the companies which support them have any freedom of choice as to how much of their profit is spent in support of the E.I.T.F.—or do they get an accounting of how the money is spent? If you own some shares in a grain company, try to find out if your company gave money for purposes of this sort, or how much they gave, or what was done with it.

Just in case anyone thinks I am making too much fuss over this, and that it will not amount to much, let me assure them that this campaign against co-ops has just started. Plans are laid for a costly, long term, anti-co-op battle. It will bob up in all kinds of unexpected places. We can watch for stories and articles and talks in all the usual news media—daily and weekly papers, radio and TV, we can expect to be offered speakers at any meeting, business groups, church groups, women's groups, youth groups—you name it and a speaker will be provided. I will be surprised if any attempt is not made to get something into our high schools, and we can fully expect some echoes of the attack

to be heard in our legislatures and our House of Commons.

### WHO IS PAYING?

It seems to me that the question that must be asked of anyone who is carrying on this anti-co-op campaign is this—who is paying your expenses while you run around this country trying to destroy the business that 1% million Canadians have built up for themselves over the last fifty years? And I think I would add one more—even if everything that is said about co-ops is true, is the harm they are supposed to be doing, even a fraction of the harm inflicted on our society by the huge corporations, which, over the past fifteen years, have been convicted and fined for price fixing?

If the E.I.T.F. or anyone else wants to set up a campaign to bring economic justice to the people of Canada, it has plenty of fields to work in. And I'll bet them a new hat that the field needing their attention the least, is the Canadian Co-operative Movement.

There are no secrets about the business of a Co-op. Usually their meetings are public, and all the necessary information is given in their reports, or in reply to questions. This is in accordance with their democratic tradition. Can all other businesses say the same?

—W. J. Harper



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# Business Reports of Many Active Locals ...

★ **Rosyth** is unhappy about having no insurance agent in the immediate area. As the new district boundary will divide the local, the secretary will contact Central Office. A loan of \$200 was given to the local UFA Co-op to help pay for merchandise held in stock for resale to members. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Crone.

★ **Rosenthal** made arrangements for a bake sale, a bingo and a social evening. The UFA Co-op agent felt that more FUA members should patronize this Co-op. Plans were made for repairing and altering some sections of the Community Hall. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gabel.

★ **Westwind** met on a cold and stormy night, preventing the UFA representative from Lethbridge to be present. Nine members and 3 visitors attended the meeting. Gerald Hochstein and George Pelletier gave very instructive reports about the Annual Convention. The local is in favor of a change in the Marketing legislation, that 66⅔% of actual voters constitute majority for establishing a marketing board. Members are all opposed to the establishment of a new Hutterite Colony south of Pincher Creek. The meeting was held at the home of Edwin Theriault.

★ **Beach Corner** met at the home of Philip Spetelsbach. A motion, made by Barney Springman and John Goerz, passed to present a trophy to the 4-H Club in the district for the best calf.

★ **Cherry Point** decided on a motion by Edna Erickson to protest against the imposition of the 5% sales tax on residents of Bear Canyon. The people have been exempt from the tax before. Dawson Creek, B.C. and Fort St. John, B.C. are the nearest business centres. Local members pay their hospital tax in Alberta. Mr. Clifford Taylor, sub-district director gave a very interesting report about the FUA Convention. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Erickson.

★ **Bonanza** elected Oswald Salzsauler, Bonanza as president; Wesley Clarke, Bay Tree, as secretary-treasurer; and Bern Fletcher as vice-president. Directors are Peter Kut, Wm. Radke, Dave Cameron and Clarence Moorman. Oswald Salzsauler gave a very informative report of the FUA Convention. The meeting, attended by 15 members was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

★ **Acme** voted in favor of the constitutional amendment, limiting the term of office to five years. President of the local is Rudy Haesloop; secretary, Mrs. Frieda Kabaush. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Saby.

★ **Notre Dame** had Harry Bren-

ton, magistrate at Ft. Saskatchewan, as guest speaker. Mr. John Devereux introduced him to the members. Some of the acts discussed were: posting of "No Trespassing" signs instead of "No Shooting" signs; compensation for livestock shot by hunters; a farmer's financial responsibility for damage and accidents caused by livestock getting on the road; regulations for driving cattle on a public road; registering of a mechanic's lien; bad cheques and post-dated cheques, and carrying liquor in a car. Glen Storie moved a vote of thanks.

★ **Durness** discussed the matter of nuclear arms and the political future of Canada. Also how a political party can help the country and the farmer. President of the local is R. L. Robertson, secretary D. C. Cherry.

★ **Hillside-West Liberty** expressed much interest in the cost accounting service, provided by the Extension Department, University of Alberta. At a later meeting Mr. Allan Deschamps explained the mechanics of the course. Jim Marr, who took part in the tour to Ottawa and Toronto, had mailed a report about the tour, which was read. Before spring a public meeting will be held to discuss new developments in agriculture. A committee was appointed to make

Art Pegon; secretary Sig. Moltzan.

★ **Loyalty** met with 27 members present. The local is opposed to the constitutional amendment limiting the term of office to five years for officers at the local level. A Farm Accounting Course will be started if personnel for this course is available. The Convention delegates gave their reports, as no meeting in January was held due to inclement weather.

★ **Green Grove** feels that literature for the Farm Forum radio broadcasts should be mailed out earlier than is done now. Twenty-two members met at the home of Eugene Rhyason. Two visitors were present. President of the local is Henry Deutsch; secretary Mrs. Agnes Clennin.

★ **Tofield** will hold a dance on April 19. E. Goeglein and C. Sears will present a brief to Mr. Taylor, minister of highways, regarding the road north of the town. On March 12, a UFA meeting will be held after the FUA meeting to discuss the distribution of patronage refunds. If enough members are interested, the FUA Income Tax Service will be asked to come to Tofield.

★ **Blindman Valley** listened at the home of P. L. Schmidt to Henry Pickering's report of the tour to Ottawa and Toronto. The next meeting will be held jointly with

and farm petroleum safety. Secretary of the local is Fred Ames.

★ **Hillsdown Valley** couldn't reach a decision about limiting the term of office to five years. It will be discussed again later. J. B. Rich was re-elected as president as was secretary E. Jackson. I. Corregan was elected vice-president. The UFA president and secretary were re-elected by acclamation. Directors are: A. Whitehead, K. Boyle and G. Glover. A film "The Supermarket and The Farmer" was very much enjoyed.

★ **Ranfurly** voted in favor of the five-year term of office. The local wants the Ranfurly CNR station to be maintained and will take steps to keep the station open. Guest speaker J. Herrie of Co-op Fire and Casualty spoke on "Insurance". Twenty-four members attended.

★ **Pilot Knob** met at the Proctor's residence with ten members and six visitors present. Mr. J. Ross reported about the Convention and the change in boundaries of districts and sub-districts. The next meeting will be held at the Walstrom's residence. President of the local is Hugo Knott and secretary W. Jett.

★ **Gwynne** will look into the possibility of having two or three FUA locals combine in a farm safety program. Herman Callies

president and John Papp as secretary. The new directors are: I. Scheibler, E. Riep, E. Rilling, Geo. Lemay and Carl Jensen. The president of the Kneehill Hail Suppression Association addressed the meeting about hail suppression.

★ **Pella Fulham** is willing to co-operate with other locals in sub-district 6 of District 5 to finance a scholarship for study at an Agricultural School or Veterinary College. The Tri Service Rodeo Committee had asked the local to combine the Farmers' Day picnic and the Little Britches Rodeo on Farmers' Day trying to develop it into an agricultural fair. Members were in favor of trying to do it this year. J. Fairholm was elected president; B. N. Fairholm, vice-president and F. West, secretary-treasurer. Directors are: M. Schnirer, Mrs. A. Crowther, Ed Erickson and E. Fillmore.

★ **Elnora** appointed Floyd Weis, Ted Farthing and Bob Buckland to make arrangements for an election forum meeting. Ed. Robinson told that he was opposed to the resolutions passed by the Annual Convention on surface rights and marketing boards.

★ **Warburg** listened to the Farm Forum radio broadcast and sent in comments on it. The local will try to get an FUA representative to attend the REA meeting in March. Arrangements were made for a raffle and card party on March 30.

★ **Ensign** had a meeting with 20 members and one visitor present. J. M. McKay gave an interesting report on the Annual Convention and Dave Paton one on Credit Unions. For the next meeting a representative of MSI will be invited.

★ **Swedeboro** voted in favor of limiting officerships to five years. The motion was made by Mike Drobot and seconded by Edward Wirsta. Guest speaker Dan Gamache spoke on the benefits of forming a UFA buying group. Peter Ference, who took part in the tour to Ottawa, will be invited to speak at the March 13 meeting.

★ **Wang** discussed many district topics. A donation of \$10.00 was made to the Wetaskiwin and District Student Assistance Fund. The meeting was held at the home of Morris Jevne.

★ **Leslieville** decided against limiting the term of office. A motion carried that the FUA membership fee would be collected from the UFA Co-op dividend before a member is eligible to patronage refunds. The local is still interested in getting a community pasture in the area.

★ **Lefield** elected Edward Eschak, Mannville, as president with Julian Pulyk, Mannville, as secretary and Frank Williams as vice-president. Directors:— Membership, George Clarge; Education, Marvin Maron and Art Larcombe; Maintenance, Larry Marshall.

★ **Dakota** will hold a joint meeting at the Crestmore School Auditorium with Sylvan Heights, Grand Meadow and Lochenvar to hear Paul J. Fehenback speak on MSI. Sam Stewart was appointed to make arrangements for a bonspiel.

★ **Great Bend** had a meeting with 13 members and 9 visitors present. A motion, made by Jack Jamieson, seconded by Dick Baister, carried, to contact Elnora, Lousana, Cumberland and Delburne to have a joint meeting in Delburne with the purpose of forming a Feeders'

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## THE BETTER FUTURE OUR GOAL

The fifty-mile hike is today's craze for some people. WE won't reach our goal by walking fifty miles in less than 18 hours. We need more time, but we will reach the finish line if all FUA members co-operate and keep step, the strong supporting the weak.

arrangements. The meeting was held at the home of Wm. Marr, and the new president Wallace Marr was in the chair.

★ **Thomasville** had as guest speaker a member of the traffic police who gave much useful information on traffic laws. Seventeen members attended the meeting. Local president is Larry Watt and secretary John R. Nicol Jr.

★ **Spruce Valley** re-elected Dan Gawalko by acclamation as president, and John Pretula as secretary. Nick Zilinski was elected as vice-president. Emil Zachkewich stays on as reporter to The Organized Farmer. The local is interested in getting a UFA Co-op local in its district. The meeting was held at the home of Mike Homeniuk. Next meeting: March 30, at the home of Anton Luchka.

★ **Czar's** new president is Thomas Flynn, Czar. Vice-president is Wm. Mitchell. Secretary of the local is Mrs. Fay Bobryk. Members of the Board are: Marvin Lurason, Mrs. Mabel Sweenson, G. Large and John Bobryk. Mr. Paul Lefebvre showed slides taken on his trip to France.

★ **Millbank** cleared \$60 on the raffle of a bedspread. President of the local is Walter Medd and secretary Harry Wall. Fourteen members attended the February meeting.

★ **Egremont** had its Annual Social Banquet in the Community Hall on February 8. Altogether 140 persons attended the banquet. It was a successful evening. G. N. Leenders, FUA executive manager was guest speaker.

★ **Eldridge** elected the following slate of officers: president, Herbert Holgate; vice-president, Gordon Lambie; secretary, Mrs. Rose Mykyte; Directors: Mike Fedyna and John Kordyban. An MSI group was formed. Twenty-eight members and three visitors attended the meeting.

★ **Freedom** met at the home of Bill Chebry. Guest speaker was W. Olthius, chairman of the public works committee of the County of Barrhead. He answered many questions on county work in general. President of the local is

the UFA at the Asplund Hall. A speaker from UFA will be invited.

★ **Ruthenia** discussed quite a few subjects: nuclear weapons, UFA Co-op Petroleum Bulk Station, Veterinary College in Alberta, Public Power. President of the local is J. S. Rubuliak; secretary S. F. Cebuliak.

★ **Burnt Lake** appointed Earl Grimson and John Lindman to attend the next meeting of the Sylvan Lake Jubilee Committee. Two members have volunteered to break a pair of steers to drive as an ox team in the planned parade at Sylvan Lake. Tom Hagerman was sponsored to attend the FU & CDA Short Course at Banff.

★ **Anthony Hill** held a very successful calf raffle and bingo. The proceeds go to the local and the final payment on the Community Centre. Mrs. Tony Hettler won the calf. Joe F. Seidl is president of the local and Myron R. Dean, secretary.

★ **Derwent** re-elected: president, Ted Jaremco, vice-president, Paul Bepalko and secretary-treasurer, Fred Stuparyk. Guest speakers were P. J. Dent, district agriculturist and Mr. Cheshire, supervisor of D.A.'s, presenting films and short talks. The meeting was attended by 20 members.

★ **Delburne** held its meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell. Sixteen members and 3 visitors were present. Graham Robinson (A.I.) and Dennis O'Callahan of Trochu gave very interesting and informative talks on artificial insemination. They gave some veterinary advice and showed some slides also.

★ **Chinook** had a well attended meeting with 33 members present and seven visitors. The forming of a local in the Hillsborough district was discussed with the visitors and a meeting in that area was arranged. Nick Dyck, Wheat Pool delegate, arranged a joint meeting on March 20. James Taylor Sr. gave an interesting report of the AFA Convention. Del Steed, DA, and Bill Cyr, field supervisor, gave talks and showed slides on the problem weeds in the area, and films on insect and weed control

reported about the FUA Convention. He was very much impressed by the way the convention was handled. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Schnee. President of the local is Carl Schnee, secretary Dave Baker.

★ **Strong** re-elected the entire slate of officers for 1963, adding the names of Peter O'Reilly and Alvin Miller to the list of directors. The local decided to be represented at the Flagstaff MD annual meeting and bring up the matter of road signs on the main district roads. Mrs. Stoner led the discussions on these subjects. Ben Cibart suggested that the FUA have a legal agreement drawn up for the use of farmers and well drillers.

★ **East Bittern Lake** met at the John Kaser home. Clarence Holte, treasurer, reported a balance of \$353.67 on hand. Officers for 1963 are: Ingvald Haugen, president; Art Gerber, vice-president; Laurence Smithson, secretary; Clarence Holte, treasurer. Directors: Elmer Olson, Paul Weiser, Archie Wallbank, Jack Moore, Mrs. Tom Dugan, Mrs. Earle Erickson and Mrs. Otto. Safety convenor Mrs. John Kaser. Auditors John Fetzner and Carl Nasland. Chester Sayers, MLA for Camrose Constituency, spoke about yellow margarine, marketing boards and public and private ownership of electric power. Next meeting at the E. S. Soderstrom home on March 18.

★ **Trochu** likes to see the UFA start a gas distributing station in Trochu and the FUA provide all types of insurance. (Co-op Fire and Casualty and Co-op Life provide a whole line of insurance—Ed.) Ed Kober was re-elected as

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## Theory — Practice

Sir:

Reading the Organized Farmer of December, 1962, I was surprised to find the following sentence in the FWUA Report. "But it seems to me that a little bit of good thinking by our members, put into practice, will beat the theory devised by the economists in solving some of our problems."

To belittle or ignore the value of theory is a dangerous practice and can lead to serious mistakes. The farmers have no doubt noticed that, since the devaluation of the dollar, prices of things they have to buy have gone up, while the price of farm products have not kept pace with the rising cost. The leaders of the farm organization have for some years advocated devaluation of the dollar as a means to get rid of the wheat surplus. This is an example of putting "good thinking into practice, without regard to theory." Unless prices of farm products rise in the same ratio as currency depreciates the farmers income is lowered.

Space does not permit a thorough examination of value, exchange value and the role of the dollar in the economy. But such an examination would reveal the fact that devaluation is not in the interest of the farmer. It would be well to remember that action without theory is blind and theory without action is barren.

Yours truly,  
J. D. Burki,  
Entwistle, Alta.

## Public Power

Sir:

Your December issue contained a lot of information about the proposed expropriation of power companies in Alberta, but one thing never mentioned, is the compensation to be paid to the share-

holders. It is well known at what a low figure the shares started at, how they have been split up, and what that initial investment is worth now; but what is not so well advertised is the fact that a great number of shares are bought and sold every year, by just ordinary people, with perhaps, only a fraction of the original share-

holders still holding shares. This, the writer believes, should be taken into consideration, when deciding, what is a fair price.

W. Horner,  
Box 268,  
Eckville, Alta.

## We Lack One Vital Thing

Sir:

If we could build a co-operative world we could be free from what is described as "ruthless, cruel, cutthroat" competition. We would eliminate endless duplication and have time for play and not enough work for exercise.

As it is, our purely secular education system teaches us how to compete, to be a success, to get the best of the deal by using our educated brains. If we get the best of the deal, somebody else must get the worst of the deal. Co-operative education would teach us to look for only a fair deal. Many who feel their superior intelligence do not wish to have anything to do with co-operation because it gives only a fair deal. The kind of citizens we need to create a better Canada and a better world are those who are capable of getting the best of the deal but choose to accept only a fair deal. Such a Canada and such a world automatically eliminate competition and strife at home and competition or war abroad.

The decision of anyone to look only for a fair deal is a moral decision. Roosevelt has said, "A man educated in mind and not in morals is a menace to society."

It is said, "As the twig is bent so the tree grows," also, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

In the main, the above statements are true. Now is it not true that a child could go from grade one to the highest degree in Canada and come out to use his great ability to either exploit or to serve his fellow beings. We would like him to feel as though he belonged to one great family. We would like him to think with Bobbie Burns "that man to man the world o'er should brother be for all that." But we don't tell him that in school. He may have a few minutes in Sunday School where he may pay no attention if he so chooses. And if he does choose, in adult life he is like a kitchen raised kitten, thrown out into the jungle to kill or be killed. There is little mercy shown in competitive business, in the struggle to keep up with or surpass "the Joneses." But a happy existence need not be a struggle, and a fight for existence.

We read about the ever increasing crime, juvenile delinquency, broken homes, etc. Is this the product of our ever increasing expense in our ever increasing efficiency in education? The savage could kill only one at a time with his club. But we are sufficiently educated to wipe out all life on earth. If it is ever done it will not be the savages who do it but the best secular educated nations of earth.

We teach our children in school how to compete and we say "competition is the life of trade" when the truth is, that competition in this nuclear age, could be the

## FUTURE SUBJECTS

The four subjects mentioned here may be enough for the first few meetings or not. Some other ideas are offered you free of charge:

Traffic laws.  
Laws pertaining to moving of farm machinery on public roads.  
Wills.  
Local recreation.  
Use of credit (Material: FU & CDA).  
Weed Control.  
Veterinarian problems.  
What's new in agriculture.  
Farm cost accounting (Material: Extension Department, University of Alberta, Edmonton).  
Education Foundation Plan (Material: FU & CDA).  
Farm Safety.  
Insurance

Speakers to invite: Magistrates, Police Officers, R C M P, District Agriculturists, Lawyers, Bank Managers, Credit Union Personnel, Co-op Fieldmen, Co-op Insurance Men, Veterinarians. They all can tell you something that you don't know yet.

There is another source which is always available to every member: your own Organized Farmer. Read it, read the reports of other local meetings, and you will find something of interest to you. AND DO NOT FORGET YOUR MP's AND MLA's. IF THEY ARE WORTH THEIR SALT, THEY'VE ALWAYS A STORY TO TELL. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT: YOU'VE ALWAYS SOMETHING TO ASK THEM, FOR EXAMPLE: "CHANGE IN MARKETING LEGISLATION."

## 9 Forums District 11

District 11 has arranged nine election meetings. Dates and places are:

March 15—Sunnybrook, afternoon.  
March 18—Sunny Hills, afternoon.  
Hand Hills, evening, Elmer School,  
March 19—Hanna, evening.  
March 20—Oyen, evening  
March 21—New Bridgen, afternoon.  
Consort, evening.  
March 22—Fleet, afternoon.  
Coronation, evening.

death of us all, in our competitive "way of life."

We lack one vital thing. It is the desire to look not for the best of the deal but for a fair deal. To treat our fellow beings as though they were members of our own family. Our youth could be so taught. Hitler taught hate for a generation and changed the majority of a great nation. Good will could be taught and it could make a great change also.

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detailed recording of the growth of the Farm Movement through the years up to 1921 and again from 1935 to the mid-forties. Also, the resolutions passed and the work done by each Annual Con-

vention is a matter of record. Some of our co-operatives are writing their own histories.

But another part of the story of our farm people is in grave danger of being lost forever; the warm human story of people working together for the good of one and all. The early adventures and struggles, humorous anecdotes, vivid colorful characters, all these are rightfully as much the history of our farm people as are the resolutions passed and the concessions wrung from often the unwilling governments.

If each local could write its own simple brief history, collect information about those members who have been giants in the movement and re-discover pictures and snapshots of earlier times, we would build up a body of historical material which would be priceless for future generations.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Why not appoint local conveners of history? And, perhaps, one for the district? Your records will always be most precious to you yourselves. Keep them safe so they will be available for reference when needed.

2. Write the history of your own local, the date of formation, first executive, charter members, chief undertakings and interests through the years, and, of course, some mention of those outstanding among your members.

3. Pictures, snapshots, newspapers, articles are all valuable.

4. List the most outstanding farmers who lived and worked among you. Perhaps you would like to write short sketches of their lives so that they will be available.

5. Don't forget the little human stories, anecdotes of our prairie neighbors and the jokes we have shared together. Humor like salt savours all!

We would hope that some of these stories, biographical sketches, and anecdotes might appear in The Organized Farmer from time to time and that we might enjoy our history as we record it.

## AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

My sincere thanks to Mrs. Clarence Umschied of Milo for the loan of the Arrowwood Newspaper with an article by John Glambeck, to Mrs. Vic Bertrand of Milo for the loan of the Junior UFA minutes and scrapbook, and to Mrs. Harrison (nee Agnes Glam-

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## NATIONAL POLICY ASKED FOR RAIL ABANDONMENT

When the National Farmers' Union made its submission to the Federal Cabinet on February 5, a special submission was presented on National Transportation Policy. This one was made in co-operation with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and the Manitoba Urban Association.

In summary, the submission urged the following:

1. That the federal government clarify National Policy respecting the economic development of the country and in particular land settlement and ownership.
2. That the federal government indicate clearly that National Transportation is to be an instrument of National Policy.

beck) for material about her father. These will be returned in the near future.

Mrs. H. M. Parlbly,  
Alix, Alberta

3. That the federal government initiate a study of all factors entering into National Policy once it is outlined in order that a rational transportation policy can be evolved.

4. That the body undertaking this study should continue as the advisory council recommended by the McPherson Commission. (The MacPherson Commission was appointed in May 1959 to inquire into and report upon the problems relating to railway transportation in Canada and the possibility of removing or alleviating inequities in the freight rate structure. One of the many points considered by the commission was rail service on uneconomic branch lines—Ed.)

5. That until such time as this study has been completed, all abandonment of rail lines be halted, to commence again only when a rational transportation policy giving due regard to all affected parties can be implemented.

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# NOT BY GUNS ALONE . . .

## FREEDOM IS NOT LOST BY GUNS ALONE

That line attracted my attention in the Saturday Evening Post, because I considered it to be more than true. It was the caption of an advertisement, paid by the U.S. Investor-Owned Electric Light and Power Companies. The tenor of the text was that freedom could be lost if government started generating and distributing electric power.

The idea haunted me. What part of my freedom could I lose by using publicly-produced electric power? I couldn't find a solution. Never in my life did I have a choice. Electric power is a natural monopoly. There is no choice between companies, nor is there competition. In that case I didn't lose anything. It has been only a matter of being willing to pay the charges and the rates, and I had the "freedom" of using electric power. In case I hadn't been willing to pay . . . no electric power. Where is and was my freedom? Was it anything more than being allowed to say "yes", because a "no" would have meant no electricity?

But if I had been a shareholder, not simply a consumer, that would have given me "freedom". I could have gone to shareholders' meetings and spoken my piece there. I could have fought for lower service charges, reduced rates, I could have . . . Yes, what could I have done . . . ?

With some sacrifices I could have bought a few shares and attended the shareholders meetings. It would have cost me more than I would have received as dividends, but I would have been free . . . Then I realized what shareholders' meetings of private companies look like. If 40% of the outstanding shares is represented there it can be considered to be a well attended meeting though no more than 20 persons may be in the room, the general manager, etc., and me included. That "me" would represent one-tenth thousandth of one per cent or even less of the outstanding shares. Before I have opened my mouth I would realize that freedom will not nor cannot be a topic of discussion. Here speaks power. The largest amount of shares has the largest mouth and the greatest influence. One, two or three persons dictate. No, freedom will not be found in those surroundings. Power and profits are the guiding principles.

Where then in heaven's name is the freedom than can be lost?

Electrical rates in this province will be lower this year. Nobody has asked me about

it, and nobody has given me the freedom to even prove that they could be lowered much more. I don't believe that power companies give out balance sheets which show larger profits than in reality were made. Such a thing isn't done, period. If a government wants to take over a private company the shares are always considered to be worth much more than the current market value, but nobody has ever given any valid reasons for that phenomenon, and in any case it has nothing to do with my . . . freedom. Therefore, let's forget about it. We aren't that far yet in this province, we are still living in the stage wherein power companies are concerned about my . . . "freedom".

Where is my freedom?

I can't find it anywhere. We are sitting in the corner in which all customers of private power companies have been pushed: accept our rates, our charges, our conditions, or no electricity.

You don't have the slightest chance of escaping them.

HOW free can you be!

Could publicly-owned power be any worse? As a voter I have in this case some kind of control. Could there be some gain? I can't lose anything I don't have, I can only gain.

There is a great truth in that caption: Freedom is not lost by guns alone. It can also be lost, as history has shown very clearly, by leaving it to private power companies to make the decisions. To use a natural monopoly for great personal gains is so profitable to them that they are willing, in the U.S., to spend about twenty thousand dollars every time that one page ad appears in the Saturday Evening Post. Their customers, who of course pay the bill, didn't authorize them to spend that amount of money. (I must get crazy to even suppose that a customer would have any such right!) The few, who set policy, have taken the freedom to do that. They consider it well spent protection money, customers' money, to protect their own personal interests, not the freedom of the people.

The people without even a shadow of proof have to be scared into believing that government will take over everything, as soon as one of the private power companies is touched by even only one finger. They conveniently forget that natural monopolies shouldn't be exploited for the personal gain of the few, but used in the best interests of society. That seems more like freedom.

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## CHANGED MARKETING ACT OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE

Twelve members of the provincial cabinet listened to the presentation made by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. The brief considered the question of marketing boards and related marketing legislation of particular importance. The government was asked, as was done in a resolution passed by the FUA Convention, to change legislation in such a way that a board may be established by a majority vote of 66 2/3% of those voting.

The concept in relation to a Hog Marketing Board is that prices will be established competitively and that there will be no effort to control production other than the effect of prices and information services. The only compulsory feature proposed is that delivery will be such that prices can be established on a competitive basis, and that hogs will not be delivered to packing plants without having a price established.

Further amendments to the Act are sought on the grounds that the Alberta Broiler Producers are interested in getting a marketing board but unless some proposed amendments are made, their efforts could not be effective.

The presentation again supported private game farms. In view of the fact that this would be a new venture requiring experience in management and administration, the AFA suggested that licenses be

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Association. Clay Rasmussen gave a talk on this subject.

★ Iron Springs met with 42 members present at the school. The annual fund raising auction sale will be held in the last week of March. The committee making arrangements for this sale is headed by J. Hormoth and J. Kuejar. District 14 delegates are: H. Hanye, W. F. Boras, B. Loman, P. Erias, J. Hormoth, F. Gostola, P. Schultz, J. Kuejar, A. Tersteeg, R. Witdouch, G. van den Dugen. Nine rinks are entered in the district bonspiel.

★ Cork heard a very good convention report from P. J. O'Neill. Peter Kossey was elected president, Ted Savill vice-president and Wallace Rire secretary-treasurer. Directors are: P. J. O'Neill, Paul Tremblay, Henry Boorse, Henry Bouchard. At a combined meeting with Ashmont fifty members were present. There is a drainage problem in the St. Paul, Cork, Ashmont and Spedden district. It was decided to set up an ARDA committee to get something done about this problem. Wallace Rice was appointed president and Alex Hancheriu secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Joesph Labant, Harry Vacyshyn, Robert Belzil, George

issued to a limited number on an experimental basis.

Hartley, Harry Bohanchyk, Rudolphe Lafrance and Harry Misiewicz.

★ Ardrossan decided to have its monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The matter of combining the UFA and FUA local was discussed. The meeting was held at the home of Doug Horton.

★ Styal met at the home of Wm. Tuke. Due to road conditions, president Bert Hutchison was unable to attend. Mike Mazeppa acted as chairman. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mike Mazeppa on March 15, 8:30 p.m.

★ Park Grove elected H.R. Fuller, Vegreville, as president, with Wm. Ziegler as vice-president and A. W. Payne as secretary-treasurer. Directors elected: R. W. Porayko, O. Fodchuk, C. Ziegler, H. Gafka, H. Semotiuk.

★ Rochester Caribou Range donated five dollars to the Memorial Fund for Mr. Rudi Straube, FUA member, who passed away January 20 at the age of 33. Bill Sawchyn, Peter Chabun and Helmer Johnson were appointed as delegates to the district convention. Mr. Clare Anderson, vice-president of FUA, spoke on Hog Marketing. The meeting was held at the home of Wm. Balay.

★ Helina is in favor of limiting the term of office for any officer to five years. Mrs. Leo. Waine was appointed secretary of the local.

★ Richmond elected A. Breum, R R 2, Westeros, as president, R. Muller as vice-president and Ken Benson as secretary. H. Dearing

and S. Carlson remain as directors.

★ Shoal Lake re-elected David Case and Mrs. Irene McDonald by acclamation respectively as president and secretary-treasurer. Carl Goertz was elected vice-president. Members of the program committee are Cecil Home, Emil Jouan and Mrs. Mary Peskunowicz. The lunch committee formed by Mrs. Louise Boebel, Mrs. Florence Weidemann and Mrs. Irene Hutchinson. Caretaker is once again Walter Zaniewicz. Canvasser Cecil Homme again donated his commission to the local.

★ Gibbons had a very enthusiastic meeting with convention reports by J. McEwen, Wilfred Oliver and Allan Petherbridge. The Beef Calf Club will receive next year one half of 1% out of the UFA dividend. The annual meeting is set for March 11 and a bingo for March 16.

★ Pine Canyon had 40 members and 2 visitors listening to Mr. Nicklos who spoke about Farm Improvement Loans and Mr. Taylor who spoke on the Farm Loan Board. A short course will be held March 15 in the Dinto Hall with dinner served at a nominal fee.

★ Greenbank re-elected its officers: Alfred Hill, Claresholm, president; Court Etherington, vice-president and Stanley Long, secretary-treasurer. Four delegates were appointed to attend the sub-

district convention on March 12. The meeting was held at the home of Wayne Lewis.

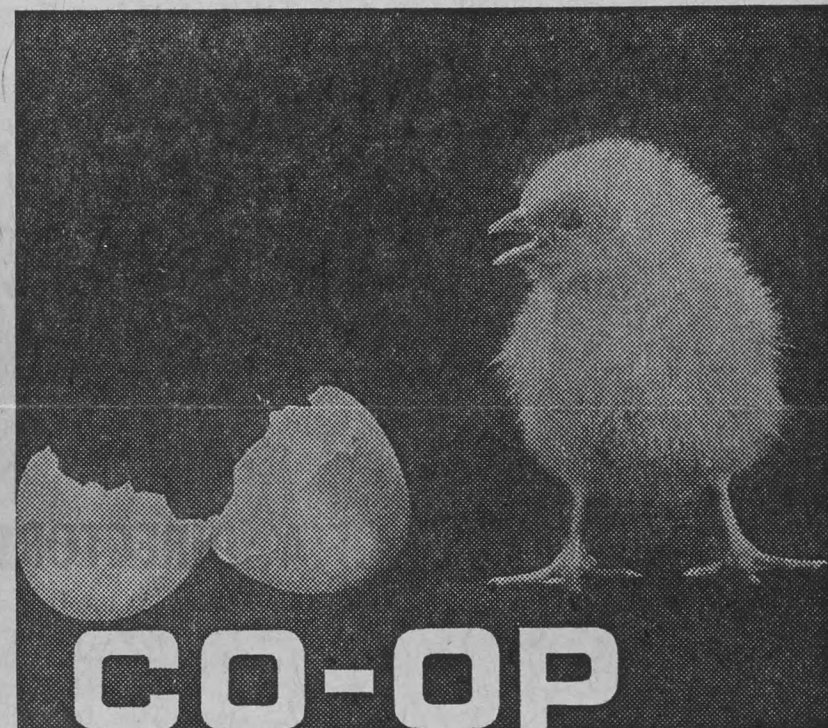
★ Prospect Valley was busy arranging the bonspiel. In the near future a teen dance and a bingo will be held. The meeting was held at the Henry Arneson's home. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tribe.

★ Old Beauvallon appointed Steve D. Shybunko as director of the Myrnam UFA bulk station. John Bateyko and Steve Shybunko will attend the sub-district convention at Myrnam.

★ Amisk-Hughenden met at the Louis Stanley's home. The UFA delegate Bob Johnson gave the local a cheque for \$66.00. Sub-district director, Lars Sandahl, spoke about the curling play-offs. The local decided to buy together with other locals a curling trophy for the sub-district.

★ Langdon heard the convention report by Alf Poffenroth of the Chestermere local. At the next meet a talk will be given on fire equipment in rural areas or a debate on the power issue will be held.

★ Daresbury is forming an MSI group. It was decided two families would serve as hosts and hostesses at each meeting and would be responsible for advertising and program. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Staal and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilcox will entertain for the March meeting.



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## FWUA HI-LITES

• **H H Four Point** accepted an invitation to attend the February meeting of Red Deer FWUA which was held February 28. An MSI group has been formed. Fourteen members and two visitors attended the meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Neuman.

• **Wild Rose** passed a motion to pay 25c for each month's entertainment in place of the usual raffle. Ruth Curry gave a very interesting bulletin on "Waste in the World", which was followed by a lively discussion. Four visitors attended this meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. D. Solberg.

• **Utopia** honored a faithful and hard working lady on her 80th birthday who had missed only two meetings in 14 years. A bouquet of artificial flowers and a birthday cake were presented to her. The sub-district rally will be held April 17 at 8 p.m. The sub-district bonspiel is staged for March 16 at Nanton. Nineteen members and 3 visitors attend the meeting at Mrs. D. Blackburn's home.

• **Egremont's** membership birthday quilt was won by Mrs. Frances Berry. Nineteen members were present.

• **Red Deer Lake** members helped at the lunch counter during the FUA bonspiel. They catered at a farm sale and made a profit of \$62. The local helped at the Polio Clinic and will do so again on March 20. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Keith Johnson.

• **Sydenham - Gerald** had fifteen members and one visitor present when they met in February at the home of Mrs. Baynham. The members answered the roll call with their best impression of the Convention report. Everyone was impressed with the amount of information the delegate acquired. A bake sale netted \$42.00.

• **West Wind** saw no less than thirty members present at the home of Mrs. Francis Crook. Mrs. Norma Bird told some of the highlights of the trip to Ottawa, and all members are looking forward to her detailed illustrated report. Arrangements are being made to rent a hall in Pincher Creek to accommodate the expected large crowd.

• **Blindman** realized a profit of \$135 on the Boxing Night dance. The Annual Convention was reported by the delegate who urged the members to read The Organized Farmer for more specific details.

• **Hillside** met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Marr, and elected Mrs. Wm. Marr as president, Mrs. A. von Arx as first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Heinz as second vice-president and Mrs. J. Thompson as secretary-treasurer. Reports were given by Mrs. Wm. Heinz and Mrs. E. R. Hoskins.

• **Crossfield** appointed Mrs. R. R. Banta as convener for the FWUA sub-district conference to be held in Crossfield on May 1. Mrs. C. Spicer reported on the FWUA Convention. Mrs. Manuel Hehr stated that the Crossfield library is short of shelf space. Mrs. R. Bills and Mrs. J. Korschuk served refreshments.

• **Pinehill** will cater at the Alberta Wheat Pool meeting at Ridgewood, the proceeds to be donated to Gold Eye Lake Camp. Mrs. Wayne Gillette gave a concise account of the Convention. The meeting was held at the Lloyd Mundro's home.

• **Pollockville** has a hand in nearly all community projects. Donations of \$5.00 each were made to CARE and the Heart Fund. Mrs. Elsie Seefeldt reported about the Convention. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Nancy Rooke.

• **Three Hills'** seventeen members held a buzz session about how to make the meetings more interesting. They met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Webb.

• **Inland** met at the home of Mrs. Mike Matuiw and listened to Miss

Faquires, an exchange teacher from India, who spoke on education, the role of the housewife and the right of women in her country.

• **Imperial** appointed Mary Lukenchuk, Elizabeth Chudyk and Mary Dowhaniuk as directors for the balance of the year. They will audit the books also. Engraved coffee spoons will be bought for Lena Wasyleski, Olga Stienwand and Lil Berezan for perfect attendance in 1962.

• **Smoky Lake** had a well attended meeting with 25 members present and 3 visitors. Mr. Yule, the District Agriculturist showed two interesting films, "The Decision" and "This Business of Farming". The wonder box was brought by Doris Romanchuk and won by S. Sokolotoski. It netted \$4.90.

• **Battle River** had 3 visitors and 10 members attending the meeting at the home of Mrs. Cook. Mrs. P. Belik will be asked to speak at the next meeting on April 3.

• **Bonanza** listened to the Convention reports of Mrs. P. Stefanyk and Mrs. O. Salzsauler. Fourteen members attended the meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. Johnson, president of the local.

• **Fairdonian Valley** donated \$10 to the Sedgewick Anglican Church cater to the FUA bonspiel in Building Fund. The ladies' will Sedgewick, to be held from March 11-13. The local met at Mrs. T. Wilson's home.

• **Shady Nook** heard from Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite that it is important for the president of the local to attend sub-district meetings. The decision was made to form a UFA local. A supper will be held March 16 to raise funds for the local. It was decided to start corresponding with 2 ladies in other countries. Mrs. Braithwaite will write the first letters, then each member will write in turn. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Audrey Braithwaite.

## A.F.A. DIRECTORS

At the 22nd annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture the delegates representing the various commodity groups, and the F.U.A., elected the following as their Board of Directors for 1963:

**GRAIN:** Mr. Gordon Harrold, and Mr. Nelson Malm, Alberta Wheat Pool.

**LIVESTOCK:** Mr. H. H. Peterson, Alta. Livestock Co-op; Mr. John Hallett, Coronation Livestock Co-op.

**DAIRY:** Mr. John Stone, Central Alta. Dairy Pool.

**POULTRY:** Mr. Karl Kapler, Alta. Poultry Marketers.

**SUGAR BEET GROWERS:** Mr. L. R. Jensen, Alberta Sugar Beet Growers.

**SHEEP & WOOL:** Mr. Edwin Davidson, Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders Assoc.

**FARM SUPPLY:** Mr. J. M. Bentley.

**FARMERS UNION OF ALTA:** Mr. Ed Nelson, Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite and Mr. Clare Anderson.

The directors, in turn, elected Mr. Bentley, Mr. Harrold and Mr. Nelson to serve as an executive committee, with Mr. Bentley as president.

At the C.F.A. annual meeting they were elected as board members with Mr. Bentley as first vice-president, and Mr. Harrold as executive member.

## Support Crop Insurance

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture has given its support to an FUA resolution asking the government to set up a crop insurance program in 1963 in co-operation with the federal government, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act.



## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR JOE!

What's happened to Joe is happening to many farm boys: success in the city.

Joe had natural ability, a good education and the ingenuity and independence which so often characterizes farm boys. He had ambition, too; he knew about hard work. When they lettered his name in gold leaf on the front office door, no one was surprised: it couldn't have happened to a fellow who deserved it more.

But because farm boys like Joe are finding they can command a place of success in the city, there is greater responsibility for those who remain at home. Together these farmers of Alberta form but a small minority of the province's population, and, numerically, they are becoming fewer each year.

But never — for the welfare of their industry — must they become weak in wisdom, action or ability. Now — more than ever before — their group interests must be protected by group action.

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## Practical Junior Work

A group of young farmers in the Keepphills area have, in co-operation with Gerald Schuler of FU & CDA, come up with a very practical idea. Realizing the need of further education and some social activities in the community, they will start studying veterinary practice over a period of three months, with one meeting every week.

The studies will consist of prevention of diseases, diagnosing, when is it necessary to call a veterinarian, and herd improvement. The course will be completed with a tour of the Veterinarian Laboratory in Edmonton, packing plants and a few farms.

This should give members the equivalent of the Veterinary Prac-

tices course at an Agricultural College.

Charles White, Keepphills director for District 15 is one of the driving powers behind this movement. The meeting where the important decision was made to start this course, was held at the home of Mr. C. Dumouchel, Keepphills.

We wish you fellows in Keepphills every kind of success!

## Expanding Trade Policy Requested

The NFU believes that trade is a two-way street and that Canada must be prepared to take the products of other countries of the world, such as western Europe and Japan, if it is to continue to sell to them. The Union urged the federal government to relax trading restrictions wherever possible and to work toward an expanding trade policy.

## TRADE AND AID NECESSARY

The NFU in its submission to the federal government commends the government for efforts made in the past year to expand trade. Long-term credit and concessional sales can be important factors in improving the sale of our agricultural products. Such programs will assist developing countries in raising their standard of living and increase employment opportunities in Canada.

The NFU urges that Canada continue to make available increasing quantities of food in the development of this program which the farm unions have promoted for a number of years, and that Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan be not only restored to its former levels, but increased.